

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Nelson et al.  
Filed: Simultaneously Herewith  
Serial No.:  
For: Mass Spectrometric Immunoassay  
Atty. Docket No.: 530-012

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Box Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Preliminary Amendment**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-specified application, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

In the Specification:

As the first paragraph, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of pending application serial no. 09/024,988  
filed on 02/17/98, which was a continuation of original application serial no.  
08/449,903, which was filed on 5/23/95, now abandoned.

In the Claims:

Please cancel pending claims 31, 33, 40 and 41.

Please include the following new claims:

48 A method for quantifying the relative amount of one or more certain analytes present in a specimen, comprising the steps of: